

APPROVAL OF THE DEVICE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 66 1/2, §12-232.

Except for minimal changes in style and nomenclature, this section has not been revised; see General Revisor's Note to this title.

SUBTITLE 3. BRAKES.

22-301. BRAKE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

(A) "DRIVEAWAY OR TOWAWAY OPERATION" DEFINED.

"DRIVEAWAY OR TOWAWAY OPERATION" MEANS ANY OPERATION IN WHICH ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, TRAILER, OR SEMITRAILER, SINGLY OR IN COMBINATION, NEW OR USED, IS THE COMMODITY BEING TRANSPORTED, WHEN ONE SET OR MORE OF WHEELS OF THE VEHICLE ARE ON THE ROADWAY DURING THE TRANSPORTATION, WHETHER OR NOT THE VEHICLE FURNISHES THE MOTIVE POWER.

(B) IN GENERAL.

EVERY MOTOR VEHICLE, TRAILER, SEMITRAILER, AND POLE TRAILER, AND ANY COMBINATION OF THESE VEHICLES, WHILE OPERATING ON A HIGHWAY IN THIS STATE, SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH BRAKES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE. ALL THE VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SERVICE BRAKES COMPLYING WITH THE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS OF §22-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND ADEQUATE TO CONTROL THE MOVEMENT OF AND TO STOP AND HOLD THE VEHICLE UNDER ALL CONDITIONS OF LOADING, AND ON ANY GRADE INCIDENT TO ITS OPERATION.

(C) PARKING BRAKES; ADEQUACY.

(1) ALL THE VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES, EXCEPT MOTORCYCLES, SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH PARKING BRAKES ADEQUATE TO HOLD THE VEHICLE ON ANY GRADE ON WHICH IT IS OPERATED, UNDER ALL CONDITIONS OF LOADING, ON A SURFACE FREE FROM SNOW, ICE, OR LOOSE MATERIAL.

(2) THE PARKING BRAKES SHALL BE CAPABLE OF BEING APPLIED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE FOREGOING REQUIREMENTS BY THE DRIVER'S MUSCULAR EFFORT OR BY SPRING ACTION OR BY EQUIVALENT MEANS. THEIR OPERATION MAY BE ASSISTED BY THE SERVICE BRAKES OR OTHER SOURCE OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT FAILURE OF THE SERVICE BRAKE ACTUATION SYSTEM OR OTHER POWER ASSISTING MECHANISM WILL NOT PREVENT THE PARKING BRAKES FROM BEING APPLIED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE FOREGOING REQUIREMENTS.

(3) THE PARKING BRAKES SHALL BE SO DESIGNED THAT WHEN ONCE APPLIED THEY SHALL REMAIN APPLIED WITH THE REQUIRED EFFECTIVENESS DESPITE EXHAUSTION OF ANY SOURCE